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*Scarlatina*.—Still prevalent at Aidone (Caltanissetta). Cases are reported in the provinces of Girgenti and Palermo.

*Enteric fever*.—Cases are reported in the provinces of Milan and Reggio Emilia.

*Cerebro-spinal meningitis*.—Sporadic cases are reported in the provinces of Rome, Avellino, and Girgenti.

#### NEW TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL AT ROME.

The new hospital, Humbert I, built at Rome for indigent tubercular patients has begun operations. Without the intention of establishing a true sanatorium, the institution being designed as a refuge for patients suffering from chest troubles of every degree, the commission has been able to solve the problem of hospital care for the tubercular poor of Rome. The institution consists of 5 pavilions, of galleries for open-air treatment, of cottages, and of special booths, all fitted out according to the modern system of hospital hygiene.

#### JAPAN.

*Reports from Yokohama—Inspection of vessels—Communicable diseases—Plague situation—Plague-infected rats found at Shimonoseki.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Moore reports, June 10, 17, and 24, as follows:

During the week ended June 3, 1905, three steamships, having an aggregate personnel of 356 crew and 497 passengers, were inspected; 122 steerage passengers were bathed and their body clothing was disinfected; 362 intending immigrants to the United States were examined with reference to their freedom from any loathsome or dangerous contagious disease barring them under the immigration laws of the United States. One vessel, the United States naval transport *Zafiro*, carrying as surgeon a commissioned medical officer of the United States Navy, was granted a bill of health without inspection.

Additional cases of plague have appeared in Tokyo. Up to June 8 11 cases in all have been reported. None of these have occurred outside of Fukagawa Ku (the city of Tokyo is divided into 15 Ku or districts), a section not much frequented by foreign visitors or residents, and inhabited chiefly by the poorer class of Japanese.

Plague has made its appearance in Kagawa Ken, a prefecture in the northern part of the island of Shikoku, not to be confounded with Kanagawa Ken, in which latter prefecture Yokohama is situated. Doctor Shiga, the well-known bacteriological expert of Tokyo, who has investigated the outbreak, reports that during the period May 30–June 8 there have occurred in one village 15 cases of plague, with 8 deaths.

No further cases of plague are reported in Chiba Ken or in Osaka.

During the week ended June 10, 1905, five steamships, having an aggregate personnel of 274 crew, were inspected.

Reports of infectious diseases in Yokohama have been received at the consulate-general as follows: For the week ended May 28: Enteric fever, 2 cases, no deaths; diphtheria, 5 cases, 2 deaths; dysentery, 1